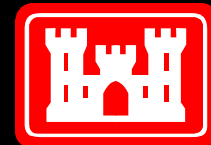# Federal Agencies in Kentucky -

Partnership in GIS

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A host of Federal Agencies have been using GIS in Kentucky with overlap and redundancy possible...

In 1995, a small group met to discuss the possibility of occasional "get-togethers" to meet and learn...

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Federal Agencies using GIS in Kentucky include..

• Corps of Engineers (LRL, LRN, LRH, MVM)

• US Fish and Wildlife Service

• TVA

• USDA - NRCS

• USDA - Farm Service Agency

• USGS

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Federal Agencies using GIS in Kentucky include..

- EPA

- US Army - Ft. Knox, Ft. Campbell

- National Guard

- US Forest Service

- National Park Service - Mammoth Cave,   Big South Fork

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Other Agencies in our group include..

- KY Office of GIS - Liasion to state agencies

- University of Louisville, Geography Department

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Why get together (about 1995) ??..

- All offices were in early stages of data gathering and office GIS development

- Each office was tending to be "stand-alone"

- Funds and staff were constrained

- Experience was limited in many offices

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Who decided to get together ??..

- Working level staff

- No agency heads

- No principal supervisors

- … just the worker bees!!

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What we have been doing since ??..

- Partnerships in gathering data - starting with DRGs and DOQQS

- Partnership in sharing skills and "lessons- learned"

- Key points of contact established beyond immediate KY offices (USGS, for example)

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What we have been doing since ??..

• Discussions about mutual training, one ArcView class held in LRL, metadata class being considered

•Assistance in key technical areas (USGS aid   to LRL in establishing key parameters   for a unique projection)

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Do we meet ??..

- About three times a year..

- Locations vary to reduce travel costs and   time out of the office…

- Meeting attendance supported by   management

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Benefits ??..

- Fast and easy data sharing - no "red tape"

- Experience sharing - you get to know people   who can help that are just a phone call   away

- Tools - macros - shortcuts

- Joint training sessions